

ONE THING

September 11, 2022

Love God

One Thing • Mark 12:28-31 • Message 2

MENTION 9/11 • PRAY • WHAT IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE MESSAGE • MARK 12:28-31 NIV

Review

- Love God & Love Others (Loving God = Loving Others)
- All kinds of things can get in the way of this One Thing (like wealth)

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Unpacking the Old “Shema”

DT 6:4 NLT, NIV, NASB / SHEMA, YHWH ELOHENU, YHWH ECHAD •• EXODUS 3:13-14

Yahweh God is who he is, no more, no less, **INDIVISIBLE**.

What does it mean to love the “One” God?

A love that’s **ENCOMPASSING** and **PRIMARY**.

ILL: LOVE YOUR HAIR, CAR, HOW YOU ____ / GOD IS ALL AT ONCE

WE THINK: LOVE IS A THING APPLIED TO GOD / HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO GOD? LOVE

BUT: GOD IS THE RIGHTFUL TARGET OF LOVE / WHAT SHOULD I LOVE? GOD!

Deep Dive Into Commands 1-4

DEEP DIVE ON THE TEN • DEUTERONOMY 5:7-15 • OUT OF ORDER FOR IMPACT

#4 Sabbath: Receive a day off... give a day off.

THOSE WHO BREAK THIS COMMAND DON'T KNOW WHO GOD IS OR HOW HE ACTS

• IS THIS ABOUT HONORING GOD OR HONORING OTHERS? YES •

#3 Misusing God’s Name: Don’t try to leverage God.

JEWS “HASHEM” • YOU CAN’T MANIPULATE GOD, YOU SHOULDN’T MANIPULATE OTHERS

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#1 No Other Gods: It isn’t a competition.

BAAL, ASHERAH, DAGON, MOLECH? WHICH ONE WILL GET US WHAT WE WANT? • SELFISH

— POLITICIANS — CONSUMERISM — WEALTH — POWER — GOD PROVIDES BUT DOESN’T PROMISE

#2 No Idols: Don’t fall for a false image.

EXODUS 32:2-5 • GENESIS 1:1 • SHEMA ELOHENU • CALF WAS A MASCOT / SYMBOL

WE STILL LET THE SYMBOLS CONTROL OUR IMAGE OF GOD • FATHER? SON? MASCULINE? • DOCTRINES → IDOLS

IDOLS MISS THE TRUTH & SPEAK FALSEHOOD • BLURRY // WEDDING TO A PHOTO • YHWH

How to Love God

THESE ATTITUDES CAN BLOCK US... HOW DO WE BREAK THROUGH? SIMPLE... TWO SECRETS:

COL 1:15 •• GENESIS 1:27

Love **GOD** [HOW?] Love **JESUS** [HOW?] Love **PEOPLE**

1 JOHN 4:21

Take it Home

I WANT YOU TO LOVE GOD, NOT SOME FALSE IDEA OF GOD, SOME FEELING, SOME SYMBOL, SOME TRADITION

LOVE GOD, NOT SOME FALSE IDEA OF GOD, BY LOVING WHAT HE LOVES.

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News & Events at LCC and in our Community!

Lafayette Community Church exists to simply help people follow Jesus.

We're so glad you have found us. Our whole aim is to help you follow Jesus. Life is complex, but following Jesus doesn't have to be hard. We want to help you no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

We do what we do because we believe God has called us to be a blessing to others, helping make their life better because of the love of Christ. We do what we do because we believe that when we serve others, we discover a little more what abundant life really is. Whether you are discovering life in Christ or you want to help others, you've found a home with us.

Volunteer Opportunities

We know that many of you are new around here, and we want to help you find ways to plug in and get involved. Here are just a few of the volunteer opportunities available to you these days (we always offer training):

Our **Tech Team** does audio/video/lighting on Sundays and manages apps, websites, and more during the week.

Our **Connections Team** handles our lobby hospitality including running the coffee bar, greeting people at the doors, and managing Kidopolis Registration.

Our **Kidopolis Team** handles our Sunday Kidopolis program. We need teachers, helpers, and administrative people too.

Our **Worship Team** manages our Sunday music. If you are musical, or if you want to lend administrative help, we'd love to have you.

Our **Cleaning Team** keeps the building spic and span!

If you'd like to help in any of these ways, reach out to Pastor Jeff and he'll point you in the right direction.

Fusion Youth: 5-7pm

Fusion Youth begins in full tonight at Sunrise Christian Reformed Church. We share a light dinner, play some games, learn a lesson and break up into small groups to discuss and apply what we are learning. It's an exceptional time for any teenager who wants to grow in their faith, in their knowledge of God, and in their relationships with others.

Small Groups

We have a number of small groups currently running:

Sundays, 5:30pm. Contact Matt (570-556-6753) or Dani (570-490-4572) Bastian.

Wednesday, 7:00pm. Multi-church, multi-racial adult Bible Study meeting in September at our place. Contact Pastor Jeff (765-404-0807) or join by Zoom with this link: <https://lafayettecc.org/go/zoom-foster>

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